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**TO: Child Care Eligibility and Authorization Workers
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DECE/BELP OPERATIONS MEMO

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Wisconsin Shares Child Care

**FROM: Kath McGurk, Director
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Department of Children and Families**

SUBJECT: Discontinuation of the Dually Regulated Licensing Category

CROSS REFERENCE: [Wisconsin Shares Child Care Policy and Process Handbook](#),
Section 2.2.4;
[DCF 202](#); [DCF 250](#); [CR 19-089](#)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Operations Memo is to inform local agencies of the discontinuation of the Dually Regulated Child Care licensing category.

BACKGROUND: Under current Wis. Admin. Code DCF s. 250.05(3)(c), no individual provider may care for children for more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period. Under current DCF s. 202.08(5)(c), a certified provider may care for children no more than 16 hours in any 24-hour time period. The 16-hour period includes any combination of care by a provider who is both licensed and certified as a family child care provider. Child care providers have been able to be both Certified and Licensed under current licensing rules.

The Bureau of Early Care Regulation (BECR) is updating Administrative Rules through CR 19-089. The proposed rule change allows a licensed family child care provider to care for children up to 16 hours in a 24-hour time period and eliminates or prohibits dual regulation in a certified child care home.

The elimination of dual regulation will result in efficiencies for the Department and local certification agencies and will be less burdensome to dually regulated child care providers.

BECD will be contacting dually regulated providers to determine which regulatory category is appropriate. Once this information has been updated in WISCCRS, CSAW will use either the Licensed or Certified Category in the benefit calculation for Wisconsin Shares Child Care subsidies.

POLICY: Section 2.2.4 Dually Regulated Child Care Provider Prices within the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Policy and Process Handbook states that the benefit calculation for Wisconsin Shares subsidies will use the licensed family rate for dually regulated providers. This section will be removed with the next Handbook release.

CONTACTS:

For Wisconsin Shares Child Care policy questions outside of Milwaukee County contact your Bureau of Regional Operations (BRO), Child Care Coordinators at BROCCPolicyHelpDesk@wisconsin.gov.

For Child Care CARES/CWW and CSAW Processing Questions statewide, and policy questions in Milwaukee County, contact the Child Care Subsidy and Technical Assistance line at: childcare@wisconsin.gov or (608) 422-7200.

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